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Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

| Date.   | Vessel.     | Number of crew. | Number of passengers from this port. | Number of passengers in transit. | Pieces of baggage disinfected. |
|---------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sept. 1 | Auselm..... | 43              | 25                                   | 12                               | 0                              |
| 2       | Hiram.....  | 15              | 0                                    | 0                                | 0                              |
| 6       | Habil.....  | 16              | 1                                    | 0                                | 0                              |
| 6       | Spero.....  | 15              | 0                                    | 0                                | 0                              |

Number of aliens sailing from this port during the week, 5.

INDIA.

*Report from Bombay—Cholera, plague, and smallpox—Inspection of vessel.*

Acting Asst. Surg. Edward H. Hume reports, August 13, as follows:

*Mortality of Bombay city week ended August 9, 1904.*

|                                 | Present week. | Same week last year. | Average of corresponding weeks for 5 preceding years. |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---|
| Plague attacks .....            | 57            | .....                | .....   |
| Plague deaths .....             | 51            | 56                   | 74  |
| Plague mortality per 1,000..... | 3.41          | 3.75                 | 4.95  |
| Smallpox deaths .....           | 8             | 8                    | 5   |
| Cholera deaths .....            | 34            | 3                    | 73  |
| Total deaths .....              | 677           | 492                  | 777   |
| Total mortality per 1,000 ..... | 45.36         | 32.96                | 50.86   |

It will be seen that the cholera mortality is slightly increased, there having been 34 deaths as compared with 23 last week. The Board of Health publishes the following statement:

Cholera was not epidemic, the attacks reported being 56, including 11 contact cases. Out of these 28 were imported (23 from Pandharpur and 5 from other places). Out of the 34 deaths, 14 were imported cases, 10 from Pandharpur and 4 from other places. The disease shows a tendency to increase, and is partly attributed to seasonable variations, but chiefly to importations; hence is sporadic. The disease is not confined to any particular quarter, and it has no direct local connection with the harbor. It is prevalent among the poor class of the population.

Of the 34 deaths, 7 were among low-caste Hindus and the other 27 among Hindus of higher castes, none occurring in any other race. Of the deaths 9 occurred in Sion, a subdivision of Ward F. As this is the most northerly district on Bombay Island, this fact is an evidence that incoming cases were stopped on the railway at the first possible place on entering the city limits.

The steamship *Osborne*, to which a bill of health has this day been granted, had a crew entirely European. Every man was examined for plague and nothing suspicious was found. The quarters in the fore-castle were found in good condition.

*Recrudescence theory of plague.*

I quote below an abstract of the views held by Col. W. G. King, the sanitary commissioner of the Madras Presidency, regarding the